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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 April 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 35 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 35, the phrase "may be" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-4, 14-18, 21, 23-27, 36, 38-42 and 44-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Norman (USPN 6,635,067).

In reference to claims 1-4, 14-18, 23-27, 36, 38-42 and 44-46, Norman discloses a hand tool comprising: a brushless DC motor 40 contained within a cylindrical motor housing 42 and a

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sealed, cylindrical body 44; a void space 84 between an internal surface of the body 44 and the motor housing 42; a fluid inlet port 16 and a fluid outlet port 18; conduits 46a, 46b releasably attached to the fluid inlet port 16 and the fluid outlet port 18; heat dissipation ducting means 120 that extends parallel to the body 44 and motor housing 42, as well as about the axis of the body 44 and the motor housing 42 (figures 3 & 4; column 5 lines 58-67); an external fluid source 130 that supplies compressed cooling fluid to fluid transport means 132, 136; rotatable power output shaft 112 connected to a cutting implement 12; a quick-release power cord assembly 24 connected to an electrical supply capable of being switched on and off (column 2 lines 62-67).

Claim 21 is drawn to the use of the hand tool rather than structural limitations defining the hand tool. It has been held that recitation with respect to the manner in which a claimed apparatus is intended to be employed does not differentiate the claimed product from a prior art product satisfying the claimed structural limitations.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 5-13 and 29-37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Norman (USPN 6,635,067) in view of Sjostrom et al. (USPN 5,712,543).

In reference to claims 5-13 and 29-37, Norman discloses a hand tool having a brushless DC motor positioned within a motor housing and body, wherein the brushless DC motor is

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connected to an external electrical power source and console. Norman does not disclose what structure is associated with the power console for the purpose of controlling the motor of the hand tool. Sjostrom et al. teaches a hand tool having: a switch activation handle 100 having magnetic push switches 125, 130, 135 that regulate power supplied to a motor 120 sealed within a body 110, wherein the motor 120 is connected 145 to a remote electric power source and console 215; the remote electric power source and console 215 controlling the operating speeds of the motor 120 in response to manual input, provides an emergency power disabling switch 220; and a visual display 235 that allows the level of power supplied to the motor to be monitored; and Hall Effect sensor 500 that provides diagnostic information with respect to the motor 120 to the display 235. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the hand tool of Norman to include the activation and control system of Sjostrom et al., since Sjostrom et al. suggests that such a modification allows the speed of a motor to be easily adjusted and monitor in accordance with implements driven by the motor.

5. Claim 43 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Norman (USPN 6,635,067).

With respect to claim 43, Norman does not disclose the materials used to construct the disclosed hand tool. However, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to form the hand tool from materials such as metal, plastics or composite materials since the Examiner takes Official Notice that such materials are known for their lightness in weight, durability and thermal characteristics, and the use of such materials would be within the level of ordinary skill in the art.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Refer to attachment for notice of references cited and recommended for consideration based on their disclosure of limitations related to the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GLORIA R. WEEKS whose telephone number is (571)272-4473. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached on (571) 272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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